

# **HUMULIN R - insulin human injection, solution**

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### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use HUMULIN R safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for HUMULIN R.**

**HUMULIN R (insulin human injection), for subcutaneous or intravenous use**

**Initial U.S. Approval: 1982**

### ----- **RECENT MAJOR CHANGES** -----

Dosage and Administration (2.2)	11/2019
Warnings and Precautions (5.2)	11/2019

### ----- **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** -----

HUMULIN<sup>®</sup> R is a short-acting human insulin indicated to improve glycemic control in adult and pediatric patients with diabetes mellitus. (1)

### ----- **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** -----

- See Full Prescribing Information for important administration instructions. (2.1)
- *Subcutaneous injection*: inject subcutaneously 30 minutes before a meal into the thigh, upper arm, abdomen, or buttocks. Rotate injection sites to reduce risk of lipodystrophy and localized cutaneous amyloidosis. (2.2)
- *Intravenous infusion*: administer intravenously **ONLY** under medical supervision at concentrations from 0.1 unit/mL to 1 unit/mL in infusion systems containing 0.9% sodium chloride. (2.2)
- Individualize dose based on route of administration, metabolic needs, blood glucose monitoring results and glycemic control goal. (2.3)
- HUMULIN R given by subcutaneous injection should generally be used in regimens with an intermediate- or long-acting insulin. (2.3)
- Do not mix with insulin preparations other than HUMULIN<sup>®</sup> N. (2.5)

### ----- **DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS** -----

Injection: HUMULIN R 100 units per mL (U-100) is available as:

- 10 mL multiple-dose vial (3)
- 3 mL multiple-dose vial (3)

### ----- **CONTRAINDICATIONS** -----

- Do not use during episodes of hypoglycemia. (4)
- Do not use in patients with hypersensitivity to HUMULIN R or any of its excipients. (4)

### ----- **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** -----

- Never share needles or syringes with another person. (5.1)
- *Hyperglycemia or Hypoglycemia with Changes in Insulin Regimen*: Make changes to a patient's insulin regimen (e.g., insulin strength, manufacturer, type, injection site or method of administration) under close medical supervision with increased frequency of blood glucose monitoring. (5.2)
- *Hypoglycemia*: May be life-threatening. Increase frequency of blood glucose monitoring with changes to: insulin dosage, co-administered glucose lowering medications, meal pattern, physical activity; in patients with renal or hepatic impairment or with hypoglycemia unawareness. (5.3)
- *Hypoglycemia Due to Medication Errors*: Accidental mix-ups between insulin products can occur. Instruct patients to check insulin labels before injection. (5.4)
- *Hypersensitivity and Allergic Reactions*: Severe, life-threatening, generalized allergy, including anaphylaxis, can occur. Discontinue HUMULIN R, monitor, and treat if indicated. (5.5)
- *Hypokalemia*: May be life-threatening. Monitor potassium levels in patients at risk for hypokalemia and treat if indicated. (5.6)
- *Fluid Retention and Heart Failure with Concomitant Use of Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)*: Observe for signs and symptoms of heart failure; consider dosage reduction or discontinuation if heart failure occurs. (5.7)

### ----- **ADVERSE REACTIONS** -----

Adverse reactions observed with HUMULIN R include hypoglycemia, allergic reactions, injection site reactions, lipodystrophy, weight gain, edema, pruritus, and rash. (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Eli Lilly and Company at 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

----- **DRUG INTERACTIONS** -----

- *Drugs that may increase the risk of hypoglycemia:* antidiabetic agents, ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blocking agents, disopyramide, fibrates, fluoxetine, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, pentoxifylline, pramlintide, propoxyphene, salicylates, somatostatin analog (e.g., octreotide), and sulfonamide antibiotics (7)
- *Drugs that may decrease the blood glucose lowering effect:* atypical antipsychotics, corticosteroids, danazol, diuretics, estrogens, glucagon, isoniazid, niacin, oral contraceptives, phenothiazines, progestogens (e.g., in oral contraceptives), protease inhibitors, somatropin, sympathomimetic agents (e.g., albuterol, epinephrine, terbutaline), and thyroid hormones (7)
- *Drugs that may increase or decrease the blood glucose lowering effect:* Alcohol, beta-blockers, clonidine, lithium salts, and pentamidine (7)
- *Drugs that may blunt the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia:* beta-blockers, clonidine, guanethidine, and reserpine (7)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

HUMULIN R is indicated to improve glycemic control in adult and pediatric patients with diabetes mellitus.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Important Administration Instructions

- Always check the insulin label before administration to confirm the correct insulin product is being used [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].
- Inspect HUMULIN R visually before use. It should appear clear and colorless. Do not use HUMULIN R if particulate matter or coloration is seen.

#### 2.2 Route of Administration

##### Subcutaneous Injection

- Inject HUMULIN R subcutaneously approximately 30 minutes before meals into the thigh, upper arm, abdomen, or buttocks.
- Rotate injection sites within the same region from one injection to the next to reduce the risk of lipodystrophy and localized cutaneous amyloidosis. Do not inject into areas of lipodystrophy or localized cutaneous amyloidosis [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2) and *Adverse Reactions* (6)].
- During changes to a patient's insulin regimen, increase the frequency of blood glucose monitoring [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

##### Intravenous Administration

- Administer HUMULIN R intravenously ONLY under medical supervision with close monitoring of blood glucose and potassium levels to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia and hypokalemia [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3, 5.6), *How Supplied/Storage and Handling* (16.3)].
- For intravenous use, HUMULIN R should be used at concentrations from 0.1 unit/mL to 1 unit/mL in infusion systems containing 0.9% sodium chloride.

#### 2.3 Dosing Instructions

- Individualize and adjust the dosage of HUMULIN R based on the route of administration, the patient's metabolic needs, blood glucose monitoring results, and glycemic control goal.
- HUMULIN R given by subcutaneous injection should generally be used in regimens with an intermediate- or long-acting insulin.
- Dosage adjustments may be needed with changes in physical activity, changes in meal patterns (e.g., macronutrient content or timing of food intake), changes in renal or hepatic function, or during acute illness [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2, 5.3), *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6, 8.7)].
- Dosage adjustment may be needed when switching from another insulin to HUMULIN R [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

## 2.4 Dosage Adjustment due to Drug Interactions

- Dosage adjustment may be needed when HUMULIN R is co-administered with certain drugs [*see Drug Interactions (7)*].

## 2.5 Instructions for Mixing with Other Insulins for Subcutaneous Injection

- Do not mix HUMULIN R with insulin preparations other than HUMULIN N.
- To mix HUMULIN R and HUMULIN N, draw HUMULIN R into the syringe first. Inject immediately after mixing.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

HUMULIN R injection is 100 units per mL (U-100), a clear and colorless solution available as:

- 10 mL multiple-dose vial
- 3 mL multiple-dose vial

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

HUMULIN R is contraindicated:

- during episodes of hypoglycemia
- in patients with hypersensitivity to HUMULIN R or any of its excipients.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Never Share Needles or Syringes between Patients

Patients using HUMULIN R vials must never share needles or syringes with another person. Sharing poses a risk for transmission of blood-borne pathogens.

### 5.2 Hyperglycemia or Hypoglycemia with Changes in Insulin Regimen

Changes in an insulin regimen (e.g., insulin strength, manufacturer, type, injection site or method of administration) may affect glycemic control and predispose to hypoglycemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*] or hyperglycemia. Repeated insulin injections into areas of lipodystrophy or localized cutaneous amyloidosis have been reported to result in hyperglycemia; and a sudden change in the injection site (to an unaffected area) has been reported to result in hypoglycemia [*see Adverse Reactions (6)*].

Make any changes to a patient's insulin regimen under close medical supervision with increased frequency of blood glucose monitoring. Advise patients who have repeatedly injected into areas of lipodystrophy or localized cutaneous amyloidosis to change the injection site to unaffected areas and closely monitor for hypoglycemia. For patients with type 2 diabetes, adjustments in concomitant anti-diabetic medications may be needed.

### 5.3 Hypoglycemia

Hypoglycemia is the most common adverse reaction of all insulins, including HUMULIN R. Severe hypoglycemia can cause seizures, may lead to unconsciousness, may be life threatening or cause death. Hypoglycemia can impair concentration ability and reaction time; this may place an individual and others at risk in situations where these abilities are important (e.g., driving or operating other machinery).

Hypoglycemia can happen suddenly and symptoms may differ in each individual and change over time in the same individual. Symptomatic awareness of hypoglycemia may be less pronounced in patients with longstanding diabetes, in patients with diabetic nerve disease, in patients using medications that block the sympathetic nervous system (e.g., beta-blockers) [*see Drug Interactions (7)*], or in patients who experience recurrent hypoglycemia.

### Risk Factors for Hypoglycemia

The risk of hypoglycemia after an injection is related to the duration of action of the insulin and, in general, is highest when the glucose lowering effect of the insulin is maximal. As with all insulin preparations, the glucose lowering effect time course of HUMULIN R may vary in different individuals or at different times in the same individual and depends on many conditions, including the area of injection as well as the injection site blood supply and temperature [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.2)].

Other factors which may increase the risk of hypoglycemia include changes in meal pattern (e.g., macronutrient content or timing of meals), changes in level of physical activity, or changes to co-administered medication [see *Drug Interactions* (7)]. Patients with renal or hepatic impairment may be at higher risk of hypoglycemia [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6, 8.7)].

### Risk Mitigation Strategies for Hypoglycemia

Patients and caregivers must be educated to recognize and manage hypoglycemia. Self-monitoring of blood glucose plays an essential role in the prevention and management of hypoglycemia. In patients who have reduced symptomatic awareness of hypoglycemia, increased frequency of blood glucose monitoring is recommended.

## **5.4 Hypoglycemia Due to Medication Errors**

Accidental mix-ups between HUMULIN R and other insulins have been reported. To avoid medication errors between HUMULIN R and other insulins, instruct patients to always check the insulin label before each injection.

## **5.5 Hypersensitivity and Allergic Reactions**

Severe, life-threatening, generalized allergy, including anaphylaxis, can occur with HUMULIN R [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)]. If hypersensitivity reactions occur, discontinue HUMULIN R; treat per standard of care and monitor until symptoms and signs resolve. HUMULIN R is contraindicated in patients who have had a hypersensitivity reaction to HUMULIN R or its excipients [see *Contraindications* (4)].

## **5.6 Hypokalemia**

All insulin products, including HUMULIN R, cause a shift in potassium from the extracellular to intracellular space, possibly leading to hypokalemia. Untreated hypokalemia may cause respiratory paralysis, ventricular arrhythmia, and death. Monitor potassium levels in patients at risk for hypokalemia if indicated (e.g., patients using potassium-lowering medications, patients taking medications sensitive to serum potassium concentrations).

## **5.7 Fluid Retention and Heart Failure with Concomitant Use of PPAR-gamma Agonists**

Thiazolidinediones (TZDs), which are peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR)-gamma agonists, can cause dose-related fluid retention, particularly when used in combination with insulin. Fluid retention may lead to or exacerbate heart failure. Patients treated with insulin, including HUMULIN R, and a PPAR-gamma agonist should be observed for signs and symptoms of heart failure. If heart failure develops, it should be managed according to current standards of care, and discontinuation or dose reduction of the PPAR-gamma agonist must be considered.

## **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The following adverse reactions are also discussed elsewhere in the labeling:

- Hypoglycemia [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)]
- Medication Errors [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]
- Hypersensitivity [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)]

- Hypokalemia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]

### Adverse Reactions from Clinical Studies or Postmarketing Reports

The following additional adverse reactions have been identified during clinical studies or from postmarketing reports with use of HUMULIN R. Because some of these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or to establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

#### *Adverse reactions associated with insulin initiation and glucose control intensification*

Intensification or rapid improvement in glucose control has been associated with a transitory, reversible ophthalmologic refraction disorder, worsening of diabetic retinopathy, and acute painful peripheral neuropathy. Over the long-term, improved glycemic control decreases the risk of diabetic retinopathy and neuropathy.

#### *Hypersensitivity Reactions*

Severe allergic reactions may include anaphylaxis, generalized skin reactions, rash, angioedema, bronchospasm, hypotension, and shock.

#### *Hypoglycemia*

Hypoglycemia is the most commonly observed adverse reaction in HUMULIN R.

#### *Hypokalemia*

HUMULIN R can cause a shift in potassium from the extracellular to intracellular space, possibly leading to hypokalemia.

#### *Injection Site Reactions*

Injection site reactions may include injection site hematoma, pain, hemorrhage, erythema, nodules, swelling, discoloration, pruritus, warmth, and injection site mass.

#### *Lipodystrophy*

Administration of insulin subcutaneously, including HUMULIN R, has resulted in lipoatrophy (depression in the skin) or lipohypertrophy (enlargement or thickening of tissue) in some patients [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

#### *Localized Cutaneous Amyloidosis*

Localized cutaneous amyloidosis at the injection site has occurred. Hyperglycemia has been reported with repeated insulin injections into areas of localized cutaneous amyloidosis; hypoglycemia has been reported with a sudden change to an unaffected injection site.

#### *Medication Errors*

Medication errors in which other insulins have been accidentally substituted for HUMULIN R have been identified during postapproval use.

#### *Peripheral Edema*

Insulin, including HUMULIN R, may cause sodium retention and edema, particularly if previously poor metabolic control is improved by intensified insulin therapy.

#### *Weight Gain*

Weight gain can occur with insulin therapy, including HUMULIN R, and has been attributed to the anabolic effects of insulin.

#### *Immunogenicity*

As with all therapeutic peptides, insulin administration may cause anti-insulin antibodies to form. The incidence of antibody formation with HUMULIN R is unknown.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

**Table 1: Clinically Significant Drug Interactions with HUMULIN R**

<b>Drugs that May Increase the Risk of Hypoglycemia</b>	
<i>Drugs:</i>	Antidiabetic agents, ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blocking agents, disopyramide, fibrates, fluoxetine, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, pentoxifylline, pramlintide, salicylates, somatostatin analog (e.g., octreotide), and sulfonamide antibiotics
<i>Intervention:</i>	Dose adjustment and increased frequency of glucose monitoring may be required when HUMULIN R is co-administered with these drugs.
<b>Drugs that May Decrease the Blood Glucose Lowering Effect of HUMULIN R</b>	
<i>Drugs:</i>	Atypical antipsychotics (e.g., olanzapine and clozapine), corticosteroids, danazol, diuretics, estrogens, glucagon, isoniazid, niacin, oral contraceptives, phenothiazines, progestogens (e.g., in oral contraceptives), protease inhibitors, somatropin, sympathomimetic agents (e.g., albuterol, epinephrine, terbutaline), and thyroid hormones.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Dose adjustment and increased frequency of glucose monitoring may be required when HUMULIN R is co-administered with these drugs.
<b>Drugs that May Increase or Decrease the Blood Glucose Lowering Effect of HUMULIN R</b>	
<i>Drugs:</i>	Alcohol, beta-blockers, clonidine, and lithium salts. Pentamidine may cause hypoglycemia, which may sometimes be followed by hyperglycemia.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Dose adjustment and increased frequency of glucose monitoring may be required when HUMULIN R is co-administered with these drugs.
<b>Drugs that May Blunt Signs and Symptoms of Hypoglycemia</b>	
<i>Drugs:</i>	Beta-blockers, clonidine, guanethidine, and reserpine
<i>Intervention:</i>	Increased frequency of glucose monitoring may be required when HUMULIN R is co-administered with these drugs.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Available data from published studies over decades have not established an association with human insulin use during pregnancy and major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes (see Data). There are risks to the mother and fetus associated with poorly controlled diabetes in pregnancy (see Clinical Considerations). Animal reproduction studies were not performed.

The estimated background risk of major birth defects is 6-10% in women with pre-gestational diabetes with a HbA1c >7% and has been reported to be as high as 20-25% in women with a HbA1c >10%. The estimated background risk of miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### *Disease-associated maternal and/or embryo/fetal risk*

Poorly controlled diabetes in pregnancy increases the maternal risk for diabetic ketoacidosis, pre-eclampsia, spontaneous abortions, preterm delivery, and delivery complications. Poorly controlled diabetes increases the fetal risk for major birth defects, stillbirth, and macrosomia-related morbidity.

## Data

### *Human Data*

While available studies cannot definitively establish the absence of risk, published data from retrospective studies, open-label, randomized, parallel studies and meta-analyses over decades have not established an association with human insulin use during pregnancy and major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. All available studies have methodological limitations, including lack of blinding, unclear methods or randomization, and small sample size.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

Available data from published literature suggests that exogenous human insulin products, including HUMULIN R, are transferred into human milk. There are no adverse reactions reported in breastfed infants in the literature. There are no data on the effects of exogenous human insulin products, including HUMULIN R on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for HUMULIN R and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from HUMULIN R or from the underlying maternal condition.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

HUMULIN R is indicated to improve glycemic control in pediatric patients with diabetes mellitus.

The dosage of HUMULIN R must be individualized in pediatric patients based on metabolic needs and frequent monitoring of blood glucose to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia [*see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## **8.5 Geriatric Use**

The effect of age on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of HUMULIN R has not been studied. Elderly patients using HUMULIN R may be at increased risk of hypoglycemia due to co-morbid disease [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## **8.6 Renal Impairment**

The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of HUMULIN R has not been studied. Patients with renal impairment are at increased risk of hypoglycemia and may require more frequent HUMULIN R dose adjustment and more frequent blood glucose monitoring [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## **8.7 Hepatic Impairment**

The effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of HUMULIN R has not been studied. Patients with hepatic impairment are at increased risk of hypoglycemia and may require more frequent HUMULIN R dose adjustment and more frequent blood glucose monitoring [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

Excess insulin administration may cause hypoglycemia and hypokalemia. Mild episodes of hypoglycemia usually can be treated with oral glucose. Adjustments in drug dosage, meal patterns, or exercise may be needed. More severe episodes with coma, seizure, or neurologic impairment may be treated with intramuscular or subcutaneous glucagon or intravenous glucose. Sustained carbohydrate intake and observation may be necessary because hypoglycemia may recur after apparent clinical recovery. Hypokalemia must be corrected appropriately [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3, 5.6)*].



## 11 DESCRIPTION

HUMULIN R (insulin human injection) is a short-acting human insulin for subcutaneous or intravenous use. HUMULIN R is produced by recombinant DNA technology utilizing a non-pathogenic laboratory strain of *Escherichia coli*. HUMULIN R is regular human insulin and has the empirical formula  $C_{257}H_{383}N_{65}O_{77}S_6$  with a molecular weight of 5808.

HUMULIN R is a sterile, aqueous, clear, and colorless solution. HUMULIN R contains 100 units of insulin in each milliliter. Each milliliter of HUMULIN R also contains glycerin 16 mg, metacresol 2.5 mg, endogenous zinc (approximately 0.015 mg/100 units,) and Water for Injection. Sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid may be added during manufacture to adjust the pH.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

The primary activity of insulin, including HUMULIN R, is the regulation of glucose metabolism. Insulin lowers blood glucose by stimulating peripheral glucose uptake, especially by skeletal muscle and fat, and by inhibiting hepatic glucose production. Insulin inhibits lipolysis and proteolysis, and enhances protein synthesis.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

The time course of insulin action (i.e., glucose lowering) may vary considerably in different individuals or within the same individual. With subcutaneous use, the pharmacologic effect of HUMULIN R begins approximately 30 minutes (range: 10 to 75 minutes) after administration of doses in the 0.05 to 0.4 units/kg range (Figure 1). The effect is maximal at approximately 3 hours (range: 20 minutes to 7 hours) and terminates after approximately 8 hours (range: 3 to 14 hours). In a study that administered 50 and 100 units doses subcutaneously to obese subjects, mean time of termination of effect was prolonged to approximately 18 hours (range approximately 12-24 hours).

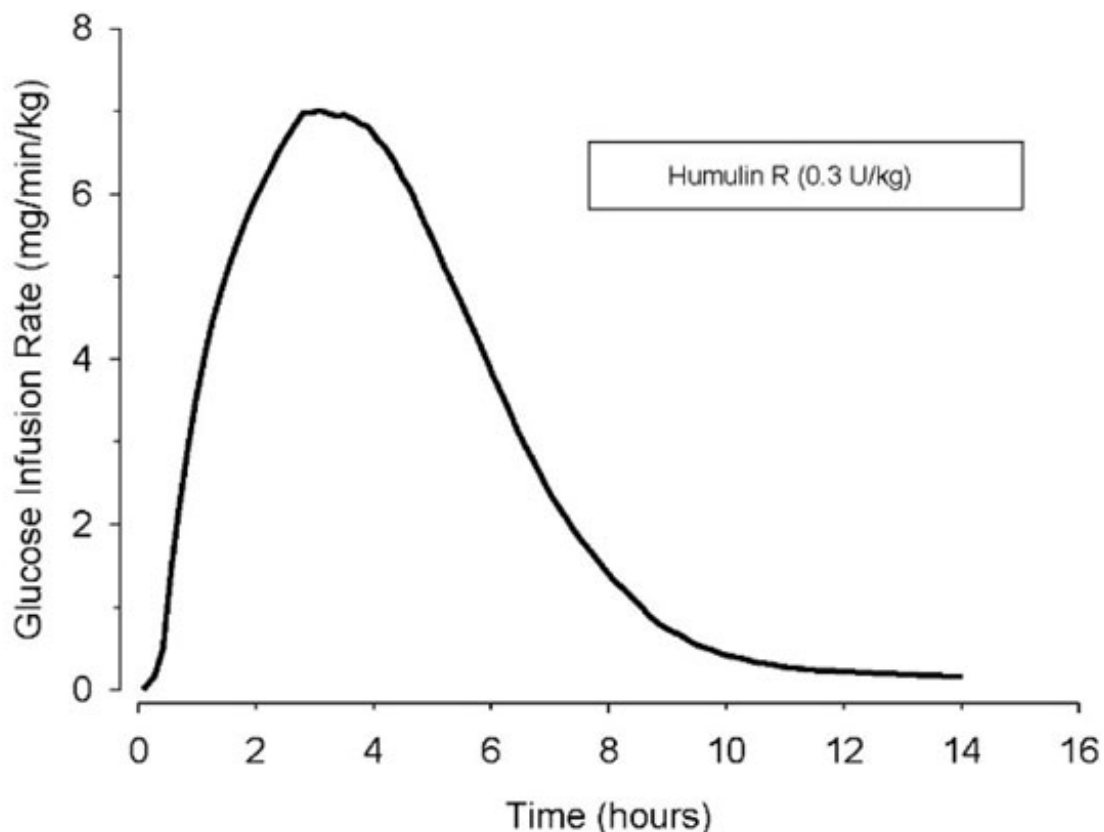


Figure 1: Mean Insulin Activity Versus Time Profile After Subcutaneous Injection of HUMULIN R

### (0.3 unit/kg) in Healthy Subjects.

With intravenous use, the pharmacologic effect of HUMULIN R begins at approximately 10 to 15 minutes and terminates at a median time of approximately 4 hours (range: 2 to 6 hours) after administration of doses in the range of 0.1 to 0.2 units/kg.

The intravenous administration of HUMULIN R was tested in 21 people with type 1 diabetes. During the 6-hour assessment phase patients received intravenous HUMULIN R at an initial dose of 0.5 units/hour, adjusted to maintain blood glucose concentrations near normoglycemia (100 to 160 mg/dL).

The mean blood glucose levels during the assessment phase for patients on HUMULIN R therapy are summarized below in Table 2. All patients achieved near normoglycemia during the 6-hour assessment phase. The average time ( $\pm$  SE) required to attain near normoglycemia was  $161 \pm 14$  minutes for HUMULIN R.

**Table 2: Mean Blood Glucose Concentrations (mg/dL) during Intravenous Infusions of HUMULIN R**

Time from Start of Infusion (minutes)	Mean Blood Glucose (mg/dL) Intravenous <sup>a</sup>
0	220 $\pm$ 11
30	204 $\pm$ 17
60	193 $\pm$ 18
120	172 $\pm$ 28
180	153 $\pm$ 30
240	139 $\pm$ 24
300	131 $\pm$ 22
360	128 $\pm$ 18

<sup>a</sup> Results shown as mean  $\pm$  Standard Deviation.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

**Absorption** — In healthy subjects given subcutaneous doses of HUMULIN R ranging from 0.05 to 0.4 unit/kg, mean peak serum levels occurred between 36 to 150 minutes after dosing. After subcutaneous administration of a single 12 unit dose (approximately 0.15 units/kg) to patients with type 1 diabetes, the median peak serum level occurred at approximately 2 hours (range: 20 minutes-6 hours). In a study that administered 50 units (0.4-0.6 unit/kg) and 100 units (0.8-1.3 unit/kg) doses subcutaneously to healthy obese subjects, median peak serum levels were prolonged to approximately 3 hours (range 1 to 8 hours). The absolute bioavailability after a single subcutaneous injection of HUMULIN R ranges from 48% to 89% in the 0.1 to 0.3 unit/kg dose range.

**Distribution** — When HUMULIN R is administered intravenously at doses of 0.1 or 0.2 unit/kg, the mean volume of distribution ranges between 0.32 to 0.67 L/kg.

**Metabolism** — The uptake and degradation of insulin occurs predominantly in liver, kidney, muscle, and adipocytes, with the liver being the major organ involved in the clearance of insulin.

**Excretion** — After subcutaneous administration of HUMULIN R doses in the 0.05-0.4 unit/kg dose range, the median apparent half-life is approximately 1.5 hours (range: 40 minutes-7 hours). Mean apparent half-life of HUMULIN R after subcutaneous administration of higher doses (50 and 100 units) to healthy obese subjects was approximately 3.6 hours (range= 1.6-8.6 hours).

When administered intravenously, HUMULIN R had a mean half-life of approximately 20 minutes at a 0.1 unit/kg dose and 1 hour at a 0.2 unit/kg dose.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenicity and fertility studies were not performed in animals.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 How Supplied

HUMULIN R injection is 100 units per mL (U-100), a clear and colorless solution available as:

10 mL multiple-dose vial	NDC 0002-8215-01
3 mL multiple-dose vial	NDC 0002-8215-17

Patients using HUMULIN R vials must never share needles or syringes with another person.

### 16.2 Storage and Handling

Protect from heat and light. Do not freeze. Do not use HUMULIN R after the expiration date printed on the label or if it has been frozen.

**Table 3. Storage Conditions and Expiration Dates for HUMULIN R**

	<b>Not In-Use (Unopened) Refrigerated (36° to 46°F [2° to 8°C])</b>	<b>Not In-Use (Unopened) Room Temperature (below 86°F [30°C])</b>	<b>In-Use (Opened) Refrigerated or Room Temperature</b>
10 mL multiple- dose vial 3 mL multiple- dose vial	Until expiration date	31 days	31 days

### 16.3 Admixture for Intravenous Administration

Intravenous infusion bags prepared with HUMULIN R are stable when stored in a refrigerator (36° to 46°F [2° to 8°C]) for 48 hours and then may be used at room temperature for up to an additional 48 hours [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2)].

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

*Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information and Instructions for Use).*

### **Never Share Needles or Syringes between Patients**

Advise patients using HUMULIN R vials not to share needles or syringes with another person. Sharing poses a risk for transmission of blood-borne pathogens.

### **Hyperglycemia or Hypoglycemia**

Inform patients that hypoglycemia is the most common adverse reaction with insulin. Instruct patients on self-management procedures including glucose monitoring, proper injection technique, and management of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, especially at initiation of HUMULIN R therapy. Instruct patients on handling of special situations such as intercurrent conditions (illness, stress, or emotional disturbances), an inadequate or skipped insulin dose, inadvertent administration of an increased insulin dose, inadequate food intake, and skipped meals. Instruct patients on the management of hypoglycemia [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.3)].

Inform patients that their ability to concentrate and react may be impaired as a result of hypoglycemia. Advise patients who have frequent hypoglycemia or reduced or absent warning signs of hypoglycemia to use caution when driving or operating machinery.

Advise patients that changes in insulin regimen can predispose to hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia and that changes in insulin regimen should be made under close medical supervision [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

### **Medication Errors**

Instruct patients to always check the insulin label before each injection to avoid mix-ups between insulin products [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Advise patients that hypersensitivity reactions have occurred with HUMULIN R. Inform patients on the symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions and to seek medical attention if they occur [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

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<b>Patient Information</b> <b>Humulin® (HU-mu-lin) R</b> <b>insulin human injection</b> <b>(100 units per mL)</b>
<b>Do not share your syringes with other people, even if the needle has been changed. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.</b> <b>What is Humulin R?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Humulin R is a man-made insulin that is used to control high blood sugar in adults and children with diabetes mellitus.</li></ul>
<b>Who should not use Humulin R?</b> <b>Do not use Humulin R if you:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• are having an episode of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).</li><li>• have an allergy to human insulin or any of the ingredients in Humulin R. See the end of this Patient Information leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in Humulin R.</li></ul>
<b>What should I tell my healthcare provider before using Humulin R?</b> <b>Before using Humulin R, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions including, if you:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have liver or kidney problems.</li><li>• take other medicines, especially ones called TZDs (thiazolidinediones).</li><li>• have heart failure or other heart problems. If you have heart failure, it may get worse while you take TZDs with Humulin R.</li><li>• are pregnant, planning to become pregnant. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to control your blood sugar if you plan to become pregnant or while you are pregnant.</li><li>• are breast-feeding or plan to breastfeed. HUMULIN R may pass into your breast milk. Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while using HUMULIN R.</li></ul> <p>Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.</p>

**Before you start using Humulin R, talk to your healthcare provider about low blood sugar and how to manage it.**

### **How should I use Humulin R?**

- Read the detailed **Instructions for Use** that comes with your Humulin R.
- Use Humulin R exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to. Your healthcare provider should tell you how much Humulin R to use and when to use it.
- Use Humulin R **30 minutes** before eating a meal.
- Know the type, strength, and amount of insulin you use. **Do not** change the type, or amount of insulin you use unless your healthcare provider tells you to. The amount of insulin and the best time for you to take your insulin may need to change if you use different types of insulin.
- Check your insulin label each time you give your injection to make sure you are using the correct insulin.
- Inject Humulin R under the skin (subcutaneously) of your upper legs (thighs), upper arms, buttocks or stomach area (abdomen). **Do not** inject Humulin R into your vein (intravenously) or muscle (intramuscularly).
  - **Do not** mix Humulin R with any other insulin except Humulin<sup>®</sup> N. If Humulin R is mixed with Humulin N, Humulin R should be drawn into the syringe first. Inject immediately after mixing.
- **Change (rotate) your injection sites within the area you choose with each dose** to reduce your risk of getting lipodystrophy (pits in skin or thickened skin) and localized cutaneous amyloidosis (skin with lumps) at the injection sites.
  - **Do not** use the exact same spot for each injection.
  - **Do not** inject where the skin has pits, is thickened, or has lumps.
  - **Do not** inject where the skin is tender, bruised, scaly or hard, or into scars or damaged skin.
- **Check your blood sugar levels.** Ask your healthcare provider what your blood sugars should be and when you should check your blood sugar levels.

### **Keep Humulin R and all medicines out of reach of children.**

Your dose of Humulin R may need to change because of:

- change in level of physical activity or exercise, weight gain or loss, increased stress, illness, change in diet, or because of other medicines you take

### **What should I avoid while using Humulin R?**

While using Humulin R **do not**:

- drive or operate heavy machinery, until you know how Humulin R affects you.
- drink alcohol or use prescription or over-the-counter medicines that contain alcohol.

### **What are the possible side effects of Humulin R?**

**Humulin R may cause serious side effects that can lead to death, including:**

- **low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - dizziness or lightheadedness, sweating, confusion, headache, blurred vision, slurred speech, shakiness, fast heartbeat, anxiety, irritability or mood changes, hunger.
  - Your healthcare provider may prescribe a glucagon emergency kit so that others can give you an injection if your blood sugar becomes too low (hypoglycemic) and you are unable to take sugar by mouth.
- **severe allergic reaction (whole body reaction).** Get medical help right away, if you have any of these signs or symptoms of a severe allergic reaction:

- a rash over your whole body, have trouble breathing, a fast heartbeat, or sweating.

- **low potassium in your blood (hypokalemia).**

- **heart failure.** Taking certain diabetes pills called thiazolidinediones or “TZDs” with Humulin R may cause heart failure in some people. This can happen even if you have never had heart failure or heart problems before. If you already have heart failure, it may get worse while you take TZDs with Humulin R. Your healthcare provider should monitor you closely while you are taking TZDs with Humulin R. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any new or worse symptoms of heart failure including:

- shortness of breath, swelling of your ankles or feet, sudden weight gain

Treatment with TZDs and Humulin R may need to be adjusted or stopped by your healthcare provider if you have new or worse heart failure.

**Get emergency medical help if you have:**

- severe hypoglycemia needing hospitalization or emergency room care, and be sure to tell the hospital staff the units of Humulin R that your healthcare provider has prescribed for you.
- trouble breathing, shortness of breath, fast heartbeat, swelling of your face, tongue, or throat, sweating, extreme drowsiness, dizziness, confusion.

**The most common side effects of Humulin R include:**

- low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), allergic reactions including reactions at your injection site, skin thickening or pits at the injection site (lipodystrophy), weight gain, swelling (edema) in hands or feet, itching and rash.

**These are not all of the possible side effects of Humulin R.** Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**General Information about the safe and effective use of Humulin R**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. **Do not** use Humulin R for a condition for which it was not prescribed. **Do not** give Humulin R to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about Humulin R. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about Humulin R that is written for healthcare providers. For more information go to [www.humulin.com](http://www.humulin.com) or call 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979).

**What are the ingredients in Humulin R?**

**Active Ingredient:** human insulin

**Inactive ingredients:** glycerin, metacresol, water for injection, sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid.

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**Instructions for Use**

**Humulin® (HU-mu-lin) R**

**insulin human injection**

## multiple-dose vial (100 units/mL)

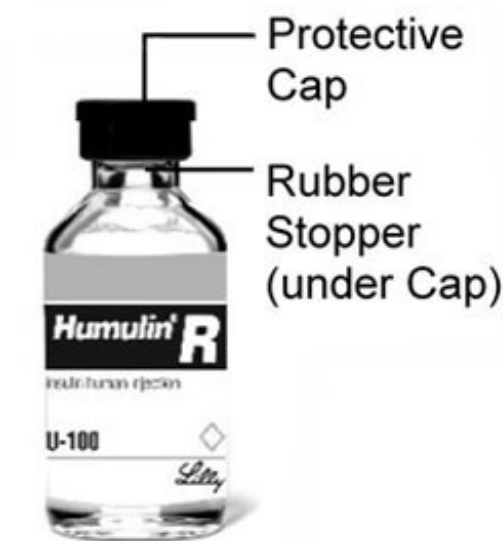
Read the Instructions for Use before you start taking HUMULIN R and each time you get a new vial. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or your treatment.

**Do not share your syringes with other people, even if the needle has been changed. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.**

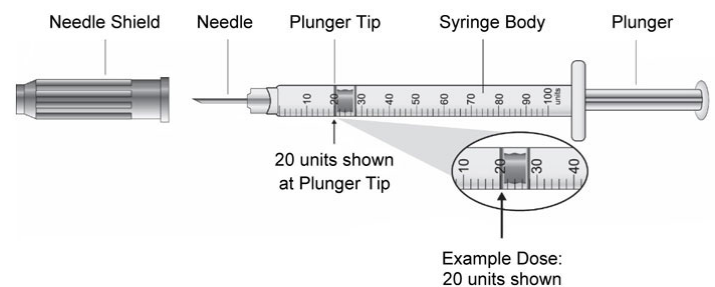
### Supplies needed to give your injection

- a multiple-dose HUMULIN<sup>®</sup> R vial
- a U-100 insulin syringe and needle
- 2 alcohol swabs
- 1 sharps container for throwing away used needles and syringes. See “**Disposing of used needles and syringes**” at the end of these instructions.

Vial



Syringe



### Preparing the Dose

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Check the HUMULIN R label to make sure you are taking the right type of insulin. This is especially important if you use more than 1 type of insulin.
- **Do not** use HUMULIN R past the expiration date printed on the label or 31 days after you first use it.
- **Always use a new syringe or needle for each injection to help make sure the syringe needle is sterile and to prevent blocked needles. Do not reuse or share your syringes or needles with other people. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.**

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#### Step 1:

Check the insulin. HUMULIN R solution should look clear and colorless. **Do not** use HUMULIN R if it looks cloudy, thick, slightly colored, or if you see particles in the solution.

#### Step 2:

If you are using a new HUMULIN R vial, flip off the plastic protective Cap, but **do not** remove the Rubber Stopper.



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**Step 3:**

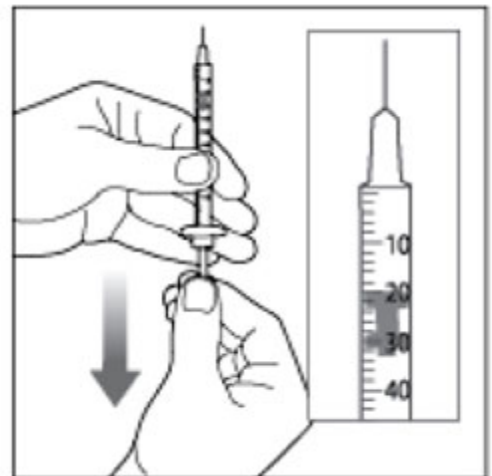
Wipe the Rubber Stopper with an alcohol swab.



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**Step 4:**

Hold the syringe with the needle pointing up. Pull down on the Plunger until the tip of the Plunger reaches the line for the number of units for your prescribed dose.



(Example Dose: 20 units shown)

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**Step 5:**

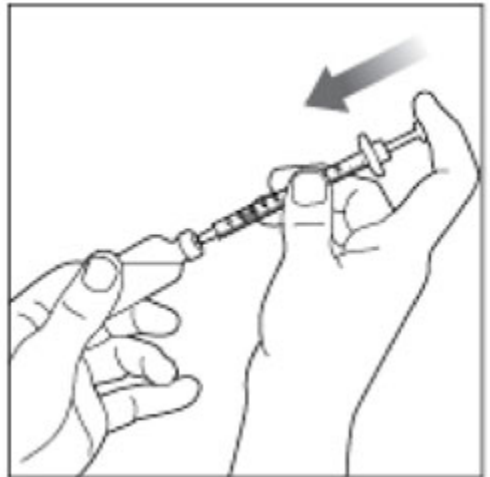


Push the needle through the Rubber Stopper of the vial.



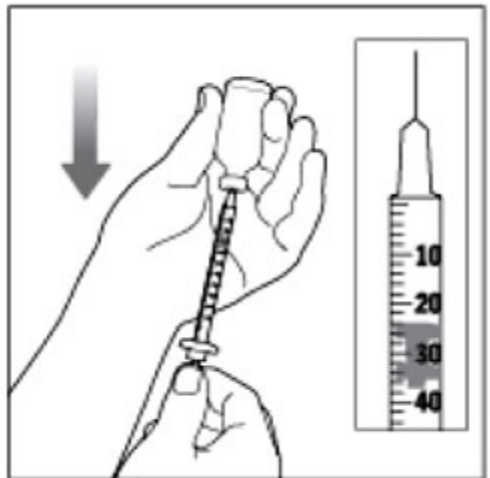
**Step 6:**

Push the Plunger all the way in. This puts air into the vial.



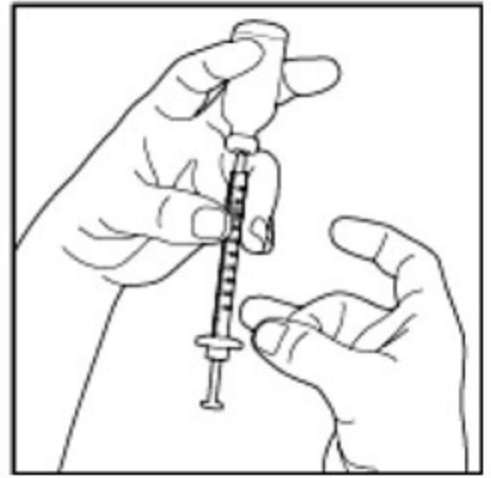
**Step 7:**

Turn the vial and syringe upside down and slowly pull the plunger down until the tip is a few units past the line for your prescribed dose.



(Example Dose: 20 units Plunger is shown at 24 units)

If there are air bubbles in the syringe, tap the syringe gently a few times to let any air bubbles rise to the top.

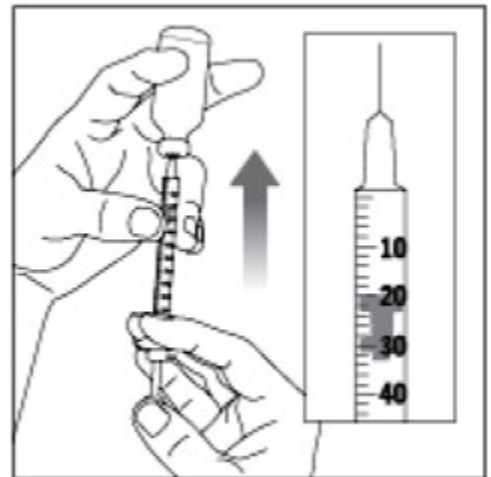


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**Step 8:**

Slowly push the Plunger up until the tip reaches the line for your prescribed dose.

Check to make sure that you have the right dose.

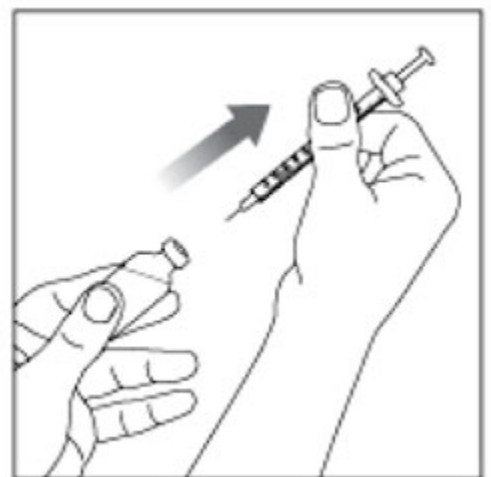


(Example Dose: 20 units shown)

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**Step 9:**

Pull the syringe out of the vial's Rubber Stopper.



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**If you use HUMULIN R with HUMULIN N:**

- HUMULIN N is the **only** type of insulin that can be mixed with HUMULIN R. Do not mix HUMULIN R with any other type of insulin.
- HUMULIN R should be drawn up into the syringe first, before you draw up Humulin N. Talk to your healthcare provider if you are not sure about the right way to mix HUMULIN R and HUMULIN N.
- Give your injection right away.

## Giving your Injection

- Inject your insulin exactly as your healthcare provider has shown you.
- Change (rotate) your injection sites within the area you choose for each dose to reduce your risk of getting lipodystrophy (pits in skin or thickened skin) and localized cutaneous amyloidosis (skin with lumps) at the injection sites.
- **Do not** inject where the skin has pits, is thickened, or has lumps.
- **Do not** inject where the skin is tender, bruised, scaly or hard, or into scars or damaged skin.

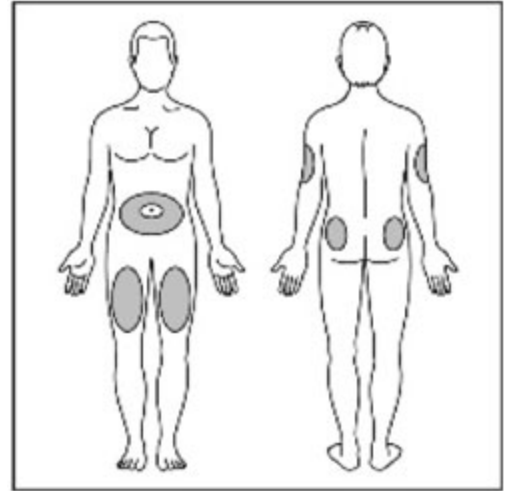
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### Step 10:

Choose your injection site.

HUMULIN R is injected under the skin (subcutaneously) of your stomach area (abdomen), buttocks, upper legs or upper arms.

Wipe the skin with an alcohol swab. Let the injection site dry before you inject your dose.



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### Step 11:

Insert the needle into your skin.

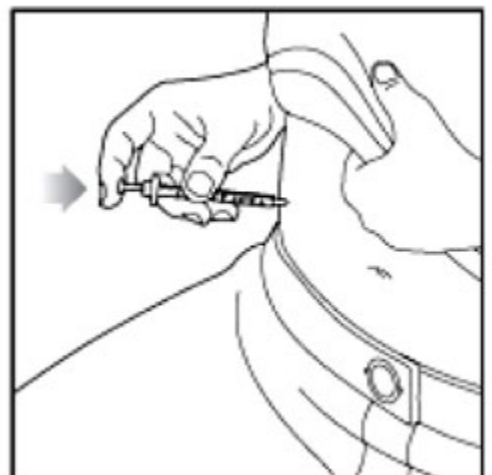


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### Step 12:

Push down on the Plunger to inject your dose.

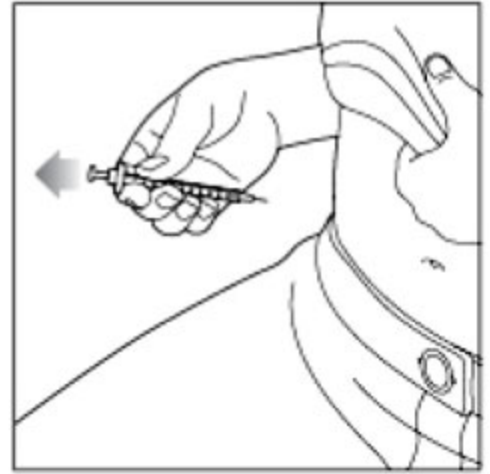
The needle should stay in your skin for at least 5 seconds to make sure you have injected all of your insulin dose.



**Step 13:**

Pull the needle out of your skin.

- You may see a drop of insulin at the needle tip. This is normal and does not affect the dose you received.
- If you see blood after you take the needle out of your skin, press the injection site with a piece of gauze or an alcohol swab. **Do not** rub the area.
- **Do not** recap the needle. Recapping the needle can lead to a needle stick injury.

**Disposing of used needles and syringes:**

- Put your used needles and syringes in a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container right away after use. **Do not** throw away (dispose of) loose needles and syringes in your household trash.
- If you do not have a FDA-cleared sharps disposal container, you may use a household container that is:
  - made of a heavy-duty plastic,
  - can be closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid, without sharps being able to come out,
  - upright and stable during use,
  - leak resistant, and
  - properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
- When your sharps disposal container is almost full, you will need to follow your community guidelines for the right way to dispose of your sharps disposal container. There may be state or local laws about how you should throw away used needles and syringes. For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal in the state that you live in, go to the FDA's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal>.
- Do not dispose of your used sharps disposal container in your household trash unless your community guidelines permit this. Do not recycle your used sharps disposal container.

**How should I store HUMULIN R?****All unopened vials:**

- Store all unopened vials in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C).
- **Do not** freeze. **Do not** use if it has been frozen.
- Keep away from heat and out of direct light.
- Unopened vials can be used until the expiration date on the carton and label, if they have been stored in the refrigerator.
- Unopened vials should be thrown away after 31 days if they are stored at room temperature

**After vials have been opened:**

- Store opened vials in the refrigerator or at room temperature below 86°F (30°C) for up to 31 days.
- Keep away from heat and out of direct light.
- Throw away all opened vials after 31 days, even if there is still insulin left in the vial.

**General information about the safe and effective use**

- Keep HUMULIN R vials, syringes, needles, and all medicines out of the reach of children.

- **Always** use a new syringe or needle for each injection.
- **Do not reuse or share your syringes or needles with other people. You may give other people a serious infection or get a serious infection from them.**

If you have any questions or problems with your HUMULIN, contact Lilly at 1-800-Lilly-Rx (1-800-545-5979) or call your healthcare provider for help. For more information on HUMULIN and insulin, go to [www.humulin.com](http://www.humulin.com).



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**PACKAGE CARTON – HUMULIN R U-100 Vial 10 mL 1ct**

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10 mL

100 units per mL

Humulin<sup>®</sup> R

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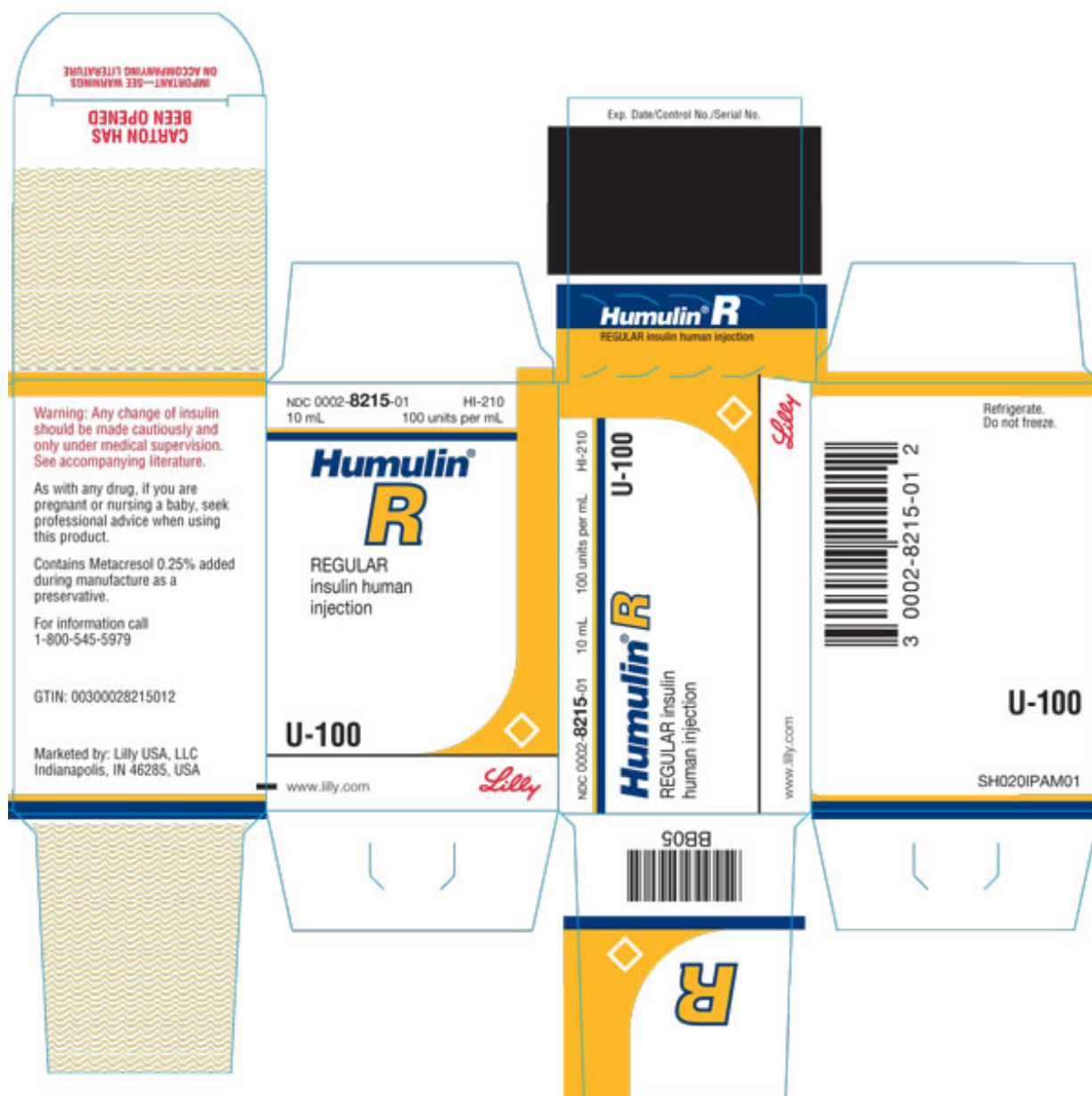
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## HUMULIN R

insulin human injection, solution

### Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN OTC DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:0002-8215
Route of Administration	PARENTERAL		

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
insulin human (UNII: 1Y17CTI5SR) (insulin human - UNII:1Y17CTI5SR)	insulin human	100 [iU] in 1 mL

### Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
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<b>glycerin</b> (UNII: PDC6A3C0OX)	16 mg in 1 mL
<b>Metacresol</b> (UNII: GGO4Y809LO)	2.5 mg in 1 mL
<b>Water</b> (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)	
<b>Hydrochloric acid</b> (UNII: QTT17582CB)	
<b>Sodium hydroxide</b> (UNII: 55X04QC32I)	

## Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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1		10 mL in 1 VIAL, MULTI-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
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2		3 mL in 1 VIAL, MULTI-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
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3		10 mL in 1 VIAL, MULTI-DOSE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

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